# City of Scottsdale Project Narrative For City Initiated Projects

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## • Project Description

Addition and remodel of the existing 12,500 s.f. Vista del Camino Community Center. The project will add 2500sf to the existing facility and remodel the remainder of the existing building shell and interiors. The work in the remodeled areas ranges from: completely redone interiors including new structure, demising walls, drop ceilings and finishes, to simple replacement of interior finishes where required. The total renovated facility will be approximately 15,000 s.f.

#### Project goals as stated by City, Staff and User groups

- Improve working conditions for the staff. Re allocation of space to allow for better operations and flow of staff and users
- o Improve safety of both staff and clients.
- o Create a warmer more welcoming environment for the Centers clients. The Center serves a wide variety of client from young to old. There needed to be improved separation of the various uses within the center while allowing for some sharing of activity areas to enable the center to serve a larger clientele.
- Create a recognizable "front door" for the center. Current conditions make it difficult to know how to enter the building on foot or in a vehicle.
- Create a community presence for Vista del Camino
- Modernize the building and its systems to make it viable for the next 30 years.

### Project responses

- o The City of Scottsdale's project team and the project design team met with 6 user groups including staff, volunteers, teens, Yaqui community, seniors, and neighbors to determine issues of importance to individual user groups and to find common issues and needs between all the groups in the community that would be using the renovated Vista del Camino Community Center
- The decision was made to add a majority of the 2500 sf addition in the existing courtyard since this would provide for a central reception, meeting and community space for the Center. This decision also allowed the existing outdoor plaza area to remain as a high use space for outdoor activities and celebrations. The other area to be added onto is the west wing of the building, which then provided enough space for Social Service offices, meeting rooms and administration to be moved together in a secured space. The Community Center, Teen Center and Staff offices moved to the west side of building to be closer to the large Activity Room and outdoor activity spaces. The Career center functions were also moved together at the west side of the building. The Food Bank remains in its present location with a minor area increase. The Activity Room and the Yaqui Room will remain in their present locations

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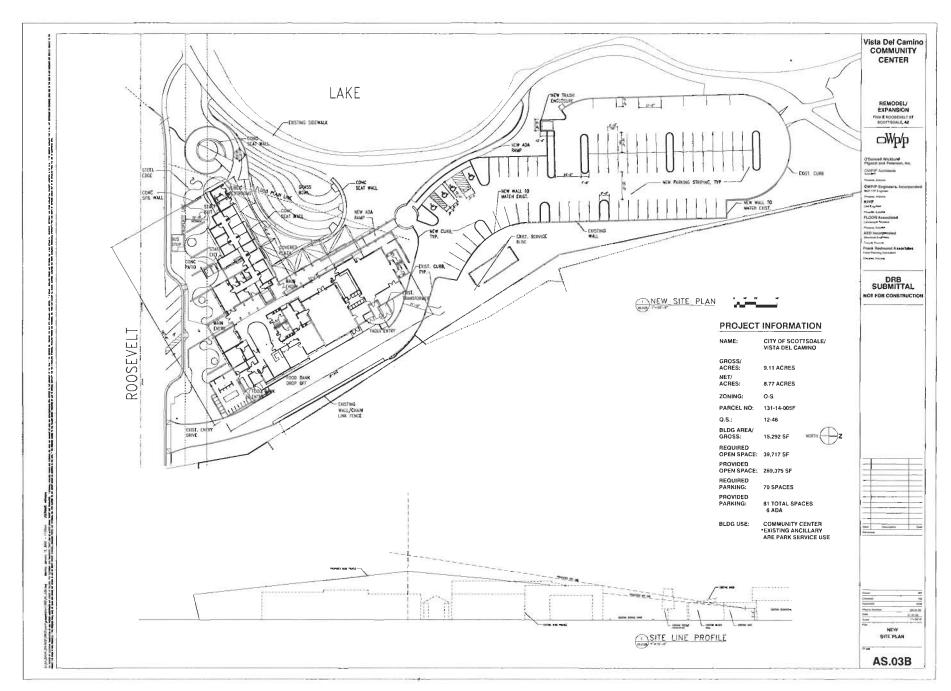
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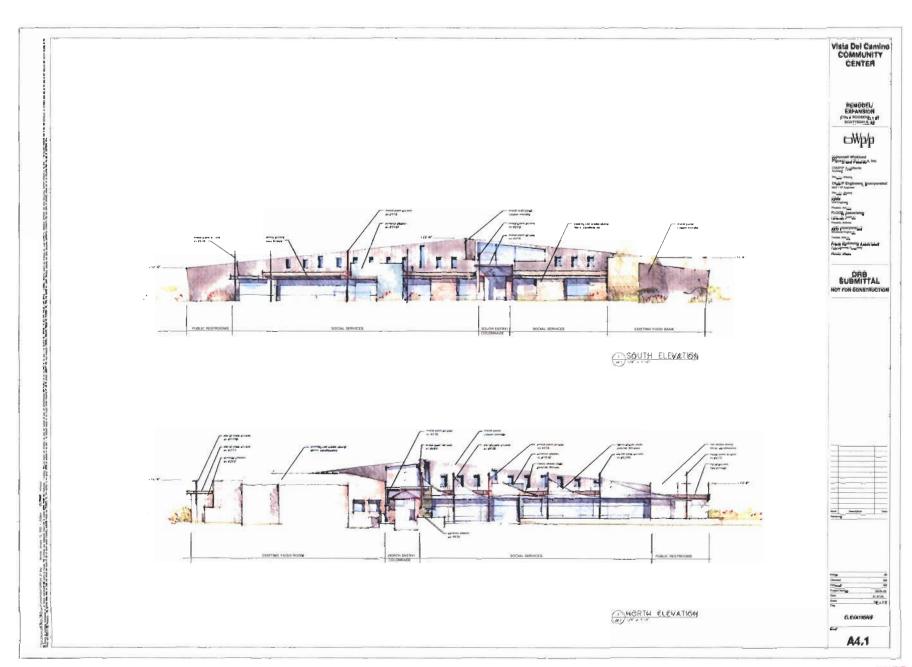
- with minor changes to walls adjacent to the kitchen that will shift to accommodate internal circulation.
- o The existing plan of Vista del Camino was considered to be basically strong. The elevations around the building however were very disconnected having been added onto a number of times over the life of the building. To simplify the busyness of the building the following approach was taken:
  - The existing block exterior walls have been heavily painted over the years (white) and will be sandblasted to reveal the existing light red color of the block and light aggregate for a color and texture reminiscent of the Sonora Desert. New block has been located that will closely match the existing block where it will be required for patching and new walls. New metal roof and vertical trim has been selected for low maintenance and to provide a compatible low impact color for the new and remodeled roof and exterior wall areas which are not masonry.
  - The roofline of the building has been modified at the Roosevelt (south) and north elevations with the new roof over the lobby area and a raised clearstory area along the corridor in Social Services. The roof has been kept low (below existing building elevations) along the east side of the building out of respect for the adjacent neighbors. The windows to the west will be shaded by the roof over hang and vertical shading elements providing light into the new public areas and increase the public presence of the building when approaching from the west. The highest point of the new roof will be 2' below allowable height per the zoning ordinance. The raised clearstory spine along the hall at Social Services provides light into the corridor and a gentle slope up to the roof of the reception lobby, which in profile from Roosevelt and the neighborhood across the street mimics the roof profiles of the homes in the surrounding neighborhood.
  - Virtually all user groups noted color as an important element to the building. "Warm and friendly" and "colorful and happy" were requests noted by some one in each of the user group meetings. All user groups raised the issue of the Yaqui Indians involvement in the center and the importance of the mural project to the center in general and to the Yaqui Community specifically. The murals created by Mario Martinez, which will remain on display in the Center, were the source for the accent colors on the elevation of the building such as the steel pipes supporting awnings; the canopy frames of the central covered walk way and the small number of plaster accent walls.

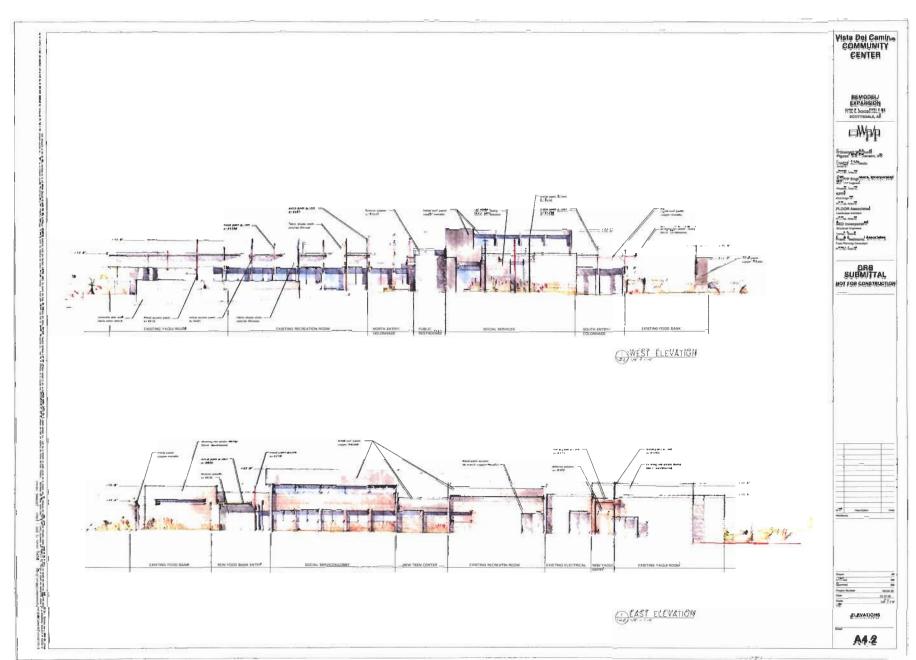
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- Glazing is an important element in the building. The introduction of large glazed windows and clearstories at the lobby entry make immediately evident where the entry to the Center is located. Glazing at the new meeting rooms and Social Services offices, while lightly screened by landscaping, provide openness and welcome visitors walking, or driving to the Center.
- The Center has an important roll as a place of celebration for the community groups and neighborhood. The Ballet Folkloric, "movies in the park" and teenagers just hanging out at the center have used the Plaza and amphitheater to the north as a gathering and celebration space. Neither of them currently work very well since the plaza is unusable for at least 5 month during our hottest weather and the steps that lead down from the plaza do not orient people towards the view of the activity, movie screen or stage set up at the bottom of the hill. Fabric shade structures have been added along the west and north elevations of the building providing shade to the plaza and building as well as creating an improved identity of the "public space" that Vista del Camino officers the community. The concrete and grass steps will be removed. The plaza will be enlarged and the grass hill will be re-sculpted to provide a real amphitheater bowl to better support large community presentation and gatherings at Vista del Camino.
- o Parking and Landscaping The parking lot has been redeveloped largely within the boundaries of the existing parking curb. Limited modifications have been made to the outline of the existing parking area and the parking lot will be completely re-striped. Planting has been brought up to City of Scottsdale standards and will include significant improvements to the landscaping on the property line adjacent to the neighbors to the east. Lighting has been improved in the parking area and along the north and west faces of the building providing for improved public walkway lighting and visibility. All lighting is placed to create minimum impact across the property line of the Center.

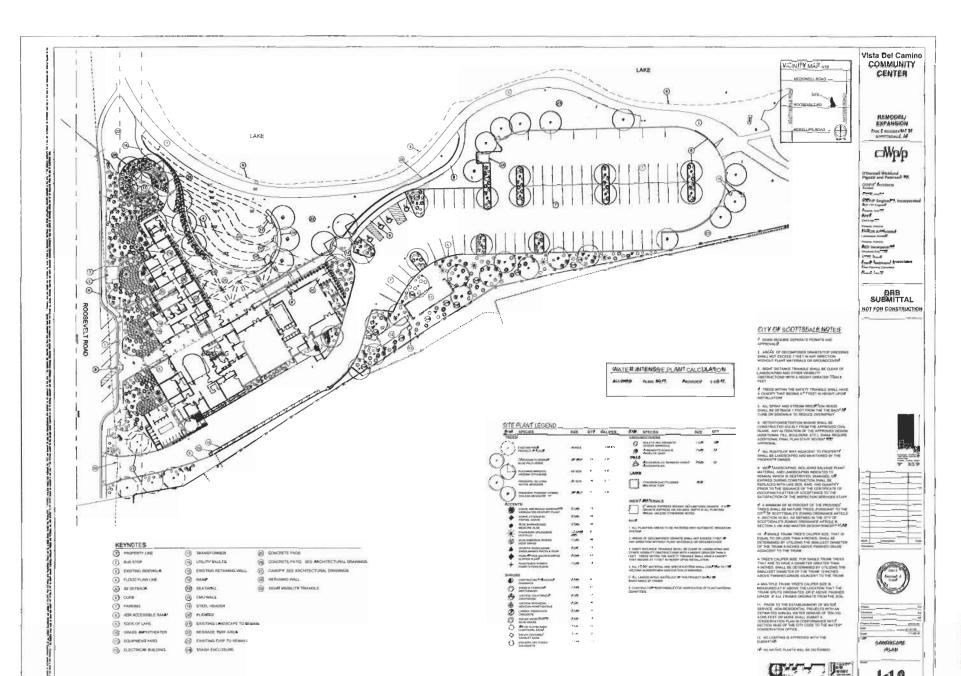








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